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Emergency crews in boats rescued hundreds of people from floodwaters and plucked others from rooftops by helicopter in North Carolina after former Hurricane Matthew flooded much of the Southeast before weakening on Sunday and turning out to sea. Matthew, the most powerful Atlantic storm since 2007, was downgraded to a post-tropical cyclone on Sunday after its rampage through the Caribbean killed nearly 900 people in Haiti and at least 16 people in the United States. Haiti also has suffered from outbreaks of cholera and about 61,500 displaced people were in shelters, officials said. In the United States, more than 2 million homes and business had lost power. Officials said many coastal and inland communities were still under water, either from coastal storm surge or overrun rivers and creeks. REUTERS

SUSPECT ARRESTED IN FATAL SHOOTING OF TWO CALIF. POLICE OFFICERS

2 Police arrested a suspect early on Sunday in the fatal shooting of two officers and the wounding of a third in Palm Springs, California, after an hours-long standoff that began with a report of a family dispute. John Felix, 26, was taken into custody just after midnight at the home in Palm Springs where the officers were shot on Saturday afternoon. Four officers came under fire soon after arriving at the residence in response to a call from a woman who said her son was causing a disturbance, police said. Two police officers, Jose Vega, a 35-year veteran, and Lesley Zerebny, 27, were killed, and another officer, who authorities declined to identify, suffered nonlife-threatening injuries. Felix was treated at a hospital after his arrest. He will be booked on two counts of murder, according to a police press release. REUTERS

MUSK SAYS HE WON'T HAVE TO RAISE FUNDS IN FOURTH QUARTER

3 Tesla Motors CEO Elon Musk said the company would not need to raise equity or corporate debt in the fourth quarter for its planned acquisition of SolarCity Corp., contradicting a filing the company made with regulators last week. Asked on Twitter whether the company would raise funds in first quarter of 2017, Musk tweeted, "Probably not then either." A Tesla spokeswoman did not immediately reply to a request for comment on Sunday. In a filing with the Securities and Exchange Commission on Friday, Tesla said it "is currently planning to raise additional funds by the end of this year, including through potential equity or debt offerings, subject to market conditions and recognizing that Tesla cannot be certain that additional funds would be available to it on favorable terms or at all." REUTERS

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1. What did a Pennsylvania police officer say he was doing to stay awake during his drive home?

2. How many turnovers did the Eagles have against the Lions on Sunday?

3. What show was Rob Riggle once on as a regular?

A man strings caution tape in front of the Casablanca Inn a day after Hurricane Matthew hit St. Augustine, Florida. GETTY IMAGES

NORTHEAST SPARED MATTHEW'S WRATH

Bolaris' Weather Watch

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Hurricane Matthew did significant-to-major damage from Florida to Virginia, but it did not deliver the extreme blow that many feared.

Haiti was in the crosshairs and received a devastating strike with over 400 fatalities.

Most of the damage along the Florida coastline from Palm Beach and points north, especially the northeastern coast of Florida, was from storm surge — flooding shore towns, significantly damaging structures, toppling trees and causing widespread power outages.

Luckily, the most powerful of the hurricane winds, which exceeded 100 mph, remained about 40-70 miles off shore, sparing Florida a direct hit.

North Carolina had severe flooding, the worst since Hurricane Floyd in 1999. Georgia and South Carolina saw major storm surges of more than 9 feet, causing major damage along well-populated coastal towns, especially Charleston and Myrtle Beach.

The Northeast was spared for the most part, except for a rotten weekend with periods of rain, strong winds along the southern New Jersey coast and some tidal flooding.

The chilly, wet weekend stretched all the way up the East Coast through southern New England. However, it will be smooth sailing for this Columbus Day as sunshine will brighten the October skies from Philly to New York City to Boston.

A huge dome of high pressure will lock in the sunshine through Wednesday, with a small wrinkle on Thursday as a weak cool front swings through during the day, bringing the chance of a scattered shower or two. Another dome of high pressure emerges Friday, delivering cooler temperatures. Plenty of sunshine is expected for the weekend.

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Columbus Day: Sunny, High 63

Tuesday: Sunny, High 66

Wednesday: Mostly sunny, High 68

Thursday: Afternoon shower, High 70

Friday: Partly sunny, cooler, High 64

Saturday: Mostly sunny, High 62

Sunday: Partly sunny, High 67

Eye on the tropics

Tropical Storm Nicole, located about 550 miles south of Bermuda, could intensify into hurricane status today and possibly strike or come very close to the island of Bermuda by Thursday. Nicole poses no threat to the U.S. coastline.

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Debate devolves into carnival of personal attacks

As expected, Donald Trump was forced to deflect criticism of the recently released video of his vulgar remarks about women.

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No hand shaking. No holding back.

The opening moments of the second presidential debate shaped up to be the most vicious, most accusatory, and as intensely personal of the entire campaign year. Any talk of policy was shoved aside with personal attacks, defenses, and skewering reproach of the opponents.

Anderson Cooper asked Trump point blank do you realize that you admitted to, and bragged about, committing sexual assault. Trump dismissed his remarks and comportment as "locker room talk," and that "nobody has more respect for women than me," while trying to turn the conversation back to our borders and making American safe again.

When Cooper followed-up, Trump wasted no time launching into his attack on Bill Clinton, calling him a rapist, alluding to his impeachment, and making the claim that he had his license to practice law revoked.

Clinton followed up by saying that though Trump will say the tape does not represent who he is – that it represents "exactly who he is. We have seen him insult women. We have seen him rate women on their appearance." Clinton offered a list of Trump insults, including embarrassing women on TV and twitter, denigrating a former Miss Universe, targeting immigrants, African Americans, Latinos, Muslims, POWs and disabled people.

Trump removed hope for a dignified debate with a strange, staged news conference an hour before he headed to the debate stage.

Donald Trump speaks as Hillary Clinton looks on. GETTY IMAGES

The Republican nominee sat at a table flanked by four women supporters, one of whom accused Bill Clinton of rape. Trump was apparently attempting to draw a contrast between the former president's behavior and Trump's vulgar remarks on the leaked Access Hollywood video.

On Sunday morning, Trump tweeted a video from right-wing outlet Breitbart News of Bill Clinton accuser Juanita Broderick, who was among the women he flew in for the news conference, alleging that the former president had raped her over 30 years ago. The Trump camp hinted that their strategy would be to highlight indiscretions from Bill Clinton's past, potentially bringing up a rape allegation and making Hillary Clinton answer for her husband's behavior and her complacency.

Trump might have been better off practicing policy questions, said elections scholar Michael Miller, who teaches political science at Barnard and Columbia University, as town-hall debates are typically more policy-centric.

Trump's surprise tactic could not succeed in rattling his prepared opponent, nor was it appropriate to the venue of the debate, Miller said.

"I am certain that Clinton has been ready and had prepared several lines of defense on that threat," he told Metro.

Miller said that the effect of Trump's actions leading up to and at the debate will have to accomplish one thing if he is to win in the general election: usher women voters into his court, specifically Republican women.

"He needs upwards of 90 percent of Republican women," Miller said, adding that going in to the debate Trump's support among Republican women hovered in the low 30-percent range.

"The problem is that he has a ceiling," he said. "He's got about 40 percent of the electorate, but he's always had trouble building past his initial level of support."

The political stunt ahead of the debate drew a backlash.

House Minority Leader Nancy Pelosi called him a "grotesque clown," following the brief news conference, and remarked at how disturbing it is that this man can envision himself as President of the United States.

On Saturday and Sunday morning the news media covered a parade of Republican officials withdrawing support from Trump.

Defenders appearing on TV and social media threw around the excuse that Trump's talk is locker room de rigueur .

"So the #NeverTrump's really think Trump should step down over some private macho locker room talk 11 years ago? Ridiculous," tweeted conservative radio show host Bill Mitchell.

Actor Scott Baio, who is a vocal Trump supporter, suggested he be given a pass for his lewd comments because he was a Democrat 11 years ago.

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Two men wanted in attempted kidnapping of college student

Philadelphia police are looking for two men wanted for an attempted kidnapping of a college student in a terrifying crime captured by a surveillance camera.

Footage of the video shows two suspects checking windows and doors for a way to break into a house on Woodbine Avenue in West Philadelphia.

The suspects eventually entered the house and found a female resident asleep in her basement bedroom, police said. The suspects used zip-ties and duct tape to restrain the woman, a St. Joseph's University student. They ordered the woman to the back of the house and planned to shove her into the trunk of her car, but she managed to escape, police said. The suspects then fled in her 2006 Hyundai Sonata.

One suspect was armed with a handgun and hunting knife, investigators said.

One suspect is as being about 5-foot-7 and 140 pounds, who at the time was wearing a black hooded sweatshirt, a black mask and latex gloves. His accomplice is about 5 feet, 8 inches and of average build, wearing dark clothing and latex gloves at the time.

Philly police are asking anyone with information to contact the Southwest Detectives at 215-686-3183 or to submit a tip by calling 215-686-8477 or texting 773847 (PPD TIP). Tips can also be submitted online here. All tips submitted will be confidential.

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Members of Mothers in Charge, including Felicia Pendleton, center, holding a picture of her teen son killed just weeks before, attend a City Council hearing to testify against gun violence. CHARLES MOSTOLLER

'Million Moms' to protest police brutality, inner city violence

The Million Man March's anniversary to be marked in Philly with mothers-led protest of police brutality.

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Ginger Nicholson can remember a time before cellphone cameras, a time when police brutality against black citizens wasn't uncommon, but wasn't seen worldwide.

"This has been going on, but they were hiding it, or saying that they had a gun or something like that," Nicholson said. "It gave them this carte blanche to do whatever they wanted … Now with cellphones, it has just opened up a new era."

So, community groups Mothers of Black Sons and Mothers in Charge are "summoning the village" to join a rally in North Philly calling for change on the anniversary of the famed 1995 Million Man March.

The so-called Million Moms March, set to take place next weekend in North Philly, could draw thousands, Nicholson said.

The rally won't just be against police brutality. The mothers are standing against inner city violence as well, she said.

"This has arisen out of the cries of black mothers who have lost their sons, or women who have lost their men," she said. "There is the black-on-black crime that's happening — this has got to stop."

The original Million Man March in Washington, D.C., in 1995 was organized by Louis Farrakhan's Nation of Islam to combat negative stereotypes of African-American males.

Rallies like the one in Philadelphia are scheduled for the anniversary of that march in cities around the country.

Nicholson said she needs to see change after so much time fighting the same battles.

"We want to express our feelings because we are in pain," she said. "Every time it happens to one of our brothers, somebody's son, one of somebody's uncle, it happens to me. I feel that pain."

Nicholson said her own family members have never experienced the type of police brutality she will be protesting. Her only son is now in his mid-40s. She fears constantly that he could become the next hashtag.

"I'm afraid every day for him," she said. "It's ridiculous."

The Million Moms March will begin at Broad Street and Cecil B. Moore Avenue on Sunday, Oct. 16 at noon, and proceed to City Hall.

BIKERS 'PAY THEIR FAIR SHARE'

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Philadelphia's bicycling community is currently involved in a long struggle for new, better bicycle infrastructure. But getting said infrastructure — things like off-street trails, protected bike lanes, raised bike lanes or just restriped standard lanes — is much more difficult than complaining about it on Twitter and then hoping for the best.

Modern, quality bike lanes need to be proposed, studied and approved by the municipal government, then often brought in front of a community or neighborhood group for approval and eventually City Council.

A lot can go wrong during that process. Especially during the community feedback portion. Oftentimes, those in favor of bike lanes get backlash over wanting something we allegedly don't pay for.

Therefore, the thinking goes, if cyclists want new lanes, they should be taxed and forced to submit to a city licensing program before we even think about installing safety precautions on city streets like, say, a 10-foot bike lane on a 54-foot-wide road like JFK Boulevard.

Problem is, bicyclists already do pay for roads, many of which still aren't designed with them in mind. It's actually motor vehicle drivers utilizing public parking spots getting subsidized by everyone else.

Most of the money for roads come from tolls and user fees, fuel taxes, license fees, and general taxes and bonds. It's true that motor vehicle drivers (including those bicyclists who also own cars) pay the tolls, fuel and license portion of that list. But as far as the United States as a whole is concerned, these three fees do not provide the bulk of funding.

Nationally, those fees make up about 50 percent of all road funding, as noted by the Tax Foundation. The rest of the money comes from bonds and general taxes — which we all pay for, based on our income and what we buy.

As noted in "Streetfight" by Seth Solomonow and former NYC Transportation Commissioner Jeanette Sadik-Khan, between 1947 and 2012, "American taxpayers as a whole paid $1 trillion more to sustain the road network than people who drive paid in gasoline taxes, tolls and other user fees." And in 2012, $69 billion in highway spending came from Americans' general tax revenue.

Such economic realities bear repeating when taking a look at city streets and bike lanes, many of which are faded, beaten up and full of pot holes. Bicycles provide little, if any, of this wear and tear. When bike lanes get beat up, it's because motor vehicles are allowed to illegally park in them freely, with little-to-no consequence from enforcement entities.

Long-term, on-street parking additionally allows people to leave their motor vehicles on public space indefinitely for a mere $35 per year.

Given that people who ride bikes help subsidize roads which often don't accommodate us (or do so poorly), and that the lanes reserved for us are often blocked by parked motor vehicles, and subsequently torn up and faded away by those same motor vehicles, it's safe to say who is actually paying their fair share — and who isn't.

But there is good news. As it happens, bike lanes provide a huge return on investment. A recent study conducted by Babak Mohit of the Mailman School of Public Health at Columbia University in New York actually found that for every $1,300 New York City invested in building bike lanes in 2015, one "quality of life" year was added to the lifetime of all city residents.

The quality of life data is based on the idea that adding bike lanes to vehicle roadways reduces the risk of injury and creates incentive for new people to get on bicycles. This, in turn, creates healthier people who ride bikes and a generally healthier populace breathing in less smog when a gasoline-powered vehicle is traded in for a burrito-powered human on a vehicle.

Randy LoBasso is communications manager for the Bicycle Coalition of Greater Philadelphia. His column appears regularly in Metro.

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New Jersey lawmakers approve gas tax hike

New Jersey legislators approved a 23-cent-per-gallon gas increase in the state Friday. The gas hike now goes to Gov. Chris Christie, who is expected to sign the measure, reports said.

The vote had been expected Wednesday, but was delayed until Friday, when the Democrat-led Senate and Assembly voted, 24-14 and 44-27, respectively, in favor of it.

Currently New Jersey has a 14.5-cent gas tax, the second-lowest in the country. The increase would give it the seventh highest gas tax nationwide at 37.5 cents. But the tax would still be lower than neighboring states.

As of Wednesday, the average price for gas in New Jersey was $2 per gallon. For comparison, New York State's average price at the pump was $2.43; the state has a 43-cent tax per gallon.

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Pennsylvanians pays an average $2.35 per gallon, including the state's 51.4-cent tax per gallon.

The proposed hike will pay for transportation, including road, bridge and rail infrastructure.

It will also cut a number of other taxes, including the estate tax, which will be phased out by Jan. 1, 2018, and the state's 7 percent sales tax, which will drop three-eighths of a percentage point. CRISTABELLE TUMOLA

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Parking about to get more expensive in Center City Philly

Eight PPA-operated garages and lots will see hikes between $1 and $10.

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In an effort to keep its prices on par with private parking garages and encourage more turnover, the Philadelphia Parking Authority will raise the prices on many of its garages and lots, some jumping by a dollar or two for the first hour.

Monthly rates are expected to increase by about $5 to $10 dollars.

Initially introduced by ousted PPA chief Vince Fenerty, the board approved the rate hikes on Thursday and they will go into effect on Nov. 1.

"Costs to operate these facilities, the cost to maintain them, continue to escalate," acting chief Rick Dickson told CBS Philly. "We have to make sure they're self-funding. We don't have any other revenue source to pay the bills."

The PPA authorized rate increases at eight agency-operated Center City lots and garages, according to reports from PlanPhilly.

Second and Sansom: One hour: $8 (unchanged); 24 hours: $20.50 to $22; Monthly: $210 raised to $215.

Independence Mall: One hour: $8 (unchanged); 24 hours: $20.50 to $22; Monthly: $226 raised to $230.

801 Filbert St.: One hour: from $7 to $9; 24 hours: $20.50 to $22; Monthly: $190 raised to $200.

Eighth and Chestnut: One hour: from $10.50 to $12; 24 hours: $23 to $25; Monthly: $215 raised to $225.

Gallery: One hour: from $4 to $5; 24 hours: $20.50 to $22; Monthly: $210 raised to $215.

10th and Ludlow: One hour: from $12.50 to $13; 24 hours: $23 to $24; Monthly: $231 raised to $240.

Family Court: One hour: from $11.50 to $13; 24 hours: $28 (unchanged); Monthly: $333 raised to $335.

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Hokey pokey: Uber and Lyft beat back judge's cease-and-desist order

An appellate court stayed the Philly judge's call for Uber and Lyft to halt operations.

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Uber and Lyft have triumphed over a Philly judge, beating back a cease-and-desist order after little more than 24 hours.

Court of Common Pleas Judge Linda Carpenter's order Thursday shutting down Uber and Lyft from operating in the city was overturned Friday afternoon by a Commonwealth Court judge who granted an emergency petition for a restraining order.

"After today's victory in Commonwealth Court, Uber is no longer subject to Judge [Linda] Carpenter's cease-and-desist order," said Uber spokesman Craig Ewer in a statement. "Uber celebrates riders and drivers staying on the road in Philadelphia, but the commonwealth still needs permanent ridesharing legislation from the General Assembly. If Harrisburg does not act in the next two weeks, hundreds of thousands of Pennsylvanians could again lose access to affordable transportation and meaningful income opportunities."

The cease-and-desist order came days after a "truce" with the Philadelphia Parking Authority expired on Sept. 30.

Carpenter had issued that order while ruling on a lawsuit filed to stop the truce brokered between Uber and the Philadelphia Parking Authority over the summer that would allow the popular ride sharing services to operate without any threat of enforcement, pending the passage in Harrisburg of proposed legislation to legalize the services in Philadelphia. The lawsuit had been filed by competing cabbies and others.

"We are encouraged by today's news and remain focused on working with legislators in Harrisburg to pass permanent rules for ridesharing in Pennsylvania," said Chelsea Harrison, a spokeswoman for Lyft, which was not named in the lawsuit but was also ordered to halt operations by Judge Carpenter's order.

Pennsylvania lawmakers hammered out an agreement that would legalize Uber and Lyft in May that all sides said had enough votes to become law, and Gov. Tom Wolf said he would sign.

But the full state House of Representatives has yet to vote on the bill, despite being back in legislative session for a full month. It already passed in the state Senate.

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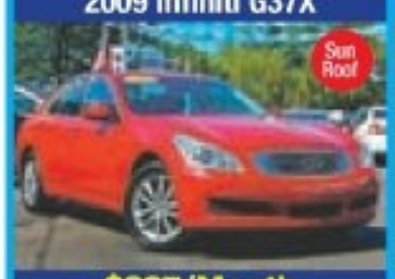

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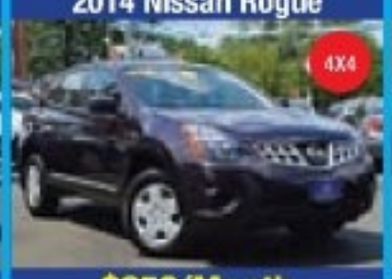

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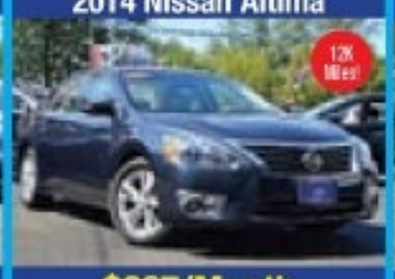

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Coastal Florida cleans up wreckage from powerful storm Matthew

Real estate data firm CoreLogic estimates the storm may have caused up to $800 billion in property damage along East Coast.

Joan Galasso walked through the empty wreck of the waterfront seafood restaurant she and her husband started a quarter-century ago and was horrified.

Hurricane Matthew had ripped away the deck where tourists had gathered to eat, drink and watch the sun set. It had smashed through the windows and shoved one of the dining booths into the kitchen.

"It looks like a war zone," Galasso, 63, said of her restaurant, Matanzas Innlet, located about 15 miles south of St. Augustine. "It's a total loss."

Galasso was one of millions of residents of the southeastern coast returning to homes and businesses hammered by the storm.

Matthew was a Category 5 hurricane, the most powerful classification of storm, at its peak but was downgraded to a post-tropical cyclone on Sunday as it headed away from the North Carolina coast. It killed at least 16 people in the United States and close to 900 in Haiti.

Officials in Florida, Georgia, South Carolina and North Carolina had urged people along parts of a 600-mile stretch of coast to evacuate. Some 2 million people were without power and streets were darkened miles from the coast.

Long lines of cars snaked along the roads leading to Florida's barrier islands, which bore the storm's brunt, after police began to let residents back across.

Barry Fauts, 72, came back to find his property in coastal St. Augustine shattered by the storm.

"It's heartbreaking," he said as he looked at the jagged mess of shattered wood that had once been a 2,000-square-foot ocean-facing deck attached to his two rental units. Fauts, who is retired, bought the property five years ago to rent to vacationers.

"We had people in here when the hurricane came so we refunded their money and they left," Fauts said. "I was looking at coming back with chainsaw and a dump trailer. But this is probably more than I can handle. I guess the next step is call my insurance agent."

Residents walk on a part of closed A1A highway, washed out by Hurricane Matthew in Flagler Beach, Florida. GETTY IMAGES

Farther south police and National Guard troops still had the main road closed, saying the road was impassable.

On St. Augustine Beach, streets were clogged with tree limbs and power lines. Residents trickling back in assessed their homes and began to clear their property.

Elyse Deluca, a 30-year-old nurse, said she had evacuated to Tennessee, unable to find a closer hotel room.

"We really wanted to get back. We were worried about this house, what we would see," she said after seeing her home for the first time in three days. Tree branches littered her property but the home itself was undamaged.

"We had water about halfway across the lawn but none got into the house," she said. REUTERS

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German police make new raid in hunt for refugee planning attack

Police found several hundred grams of explosives in the apartment they raided.

German police commandos hunting a fugitive Syrian bomb plot suspect raided a flat on Sunday. GETTY IMAGES

German police commandos stormed an apartment in the eastern city of Chemnitz on Sunday and detained a man in connection with a hunt for a Syrian refugee suspected of planning a bomb attack.

"Nobody was injured and no shots were fired. We've taken the man into custody and we are questioning him now," said Tom Berhardt, spokesman for the Saxony state criminal investigation office.

Police found explosives in another apartment they raided in the city on Saturday but have been unable to track down the suspect, 22-year-old Jaber al-Bakr. Police saw him at the door of the apartment block before he slipped through their grasp.

Police evacuated the residential building and fired a warning shot before storming the first apartment only to find al-Bakr was not there, said Kathlen Zink, another official at the Saxony state criminal investigation office.

The German authorities have informed foreign security services about al-Bakr, Zink added. The Federal Prosecutor's Office said it was taking over the case.

"The overall picture of the investigation, in particular the amount of the explosive found, suggests that the person was planning to carry out an Islamist-motivated attack," a spokesman for the Federal Prosecutor's Office told broadcaster SWR.

The suspicion that a refugee was planning a bomb attack will prove unwelcome news for Chancellor Angela Merkel, whose conservatives have lost support to the far-right Alternative for Germany Party over her open-door migrants policy.

Merkel, who last month said she wished she could "turn back the time by many, many years" to better prepare for last year's influx of almost 1 million migrants, has yet to say whether she will seek a fourth term as chancellor in elections next year. REUTERS

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The vote is in November but many pundits are wondering if the decisive moments of this election are on us right now. Here are my three things to watch in what could be a pivotal week in politics.

1. BOOM GOES THE DYNAMITE
That smoky aroma is not from a fresh rack of celebratory ribs. That is the smell of a campaign on fire ... and not in a good way. The flames are billowing around Team Trump after the release of that audiotape of their guy chatting in explicit and vulgar terms about trying to seduce a married woman, and about women in general. It was 2005. Trump was newly married. And he issued a statement saying, "I apologize if anyone was offended." But just listen. The campaign is deploying extinguishers like there is no tomorrow because if they can't lower the heat, there may actually be no tomorrow. Climb the fire towers and watch the smoke. This news may hit the polls like gasoline on a Weber, and if so, Trump could be toast. If not, then maybe he really is fireproof.

TOM FOREMAN
Opinion

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2. BATTLE STATIONS
In case you haven't noticed, the country is shrinking fast. Forget the bright red and blue states. Trump and Clinton are spending more and more time in the places most likely to decide the race — the battlegrounds. This week, Ohio and Florida will get a ton of play. Watch for candidate photo ops with flood victims in the Sunshine State and with working class folks in the Rust Belt. Bonus points if you see a picture of both in a single snap!

3. YOUR BALLOT, COMRADE?
President Obama, who once mocked Mitt Romney for saying the Russians were a major threat, is now saying they really are. The White House is officially accusing Russia of trying to sway the U.S. election by hacking into the computers of political groups. The real question now, is: Have the hacking efforts been brought under control? Watch for reassurances this week to head off challenges to the election results.

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Fed's Fischer says job gains solid, expects growth to pick up

Job gains in the United States remain solid and growth should pick up in the second half of the year, Fed Vice Chair Stanley Fischer said on Sunday in remarks that indicate the central bank remains on track for a December rate increase.

The United States is "close to full employment," Fischer said in remarks prepared for delivery to the Group of 30, a panel of current and former central bankers, regulators and academic economists, during the annual meetings of the International Monetary Fund and World Bank.

"With solid gains in employment and household income and upbeat consumer sentiment," Fischer said, consumption spending "should continue to support growth over the second half of the year." The session was closed to the press, but Fischer's prepared remarks were released by the Fed ahead of his scheduled address.

Federal Reserve Vice Chair Stanley Fischer GETTY IMAGES

The steady progress on jobs, continued growth and faith that inflation will rise towards the Fed's 2 percent target has set the stage for policymakers to increase rates in December as part of a gradual tightening of monetary policy.

Fischer said the decision not to increase rates in September was a "close call" done largely to allow further progress on jobs. At this point, he said, "there appears little risk of falling behind the curve in the near future," on inflation, allowing the Fed to raise rates slowly.

"Gradual increases in the federal funds rate will likely be sufficient to get monetary policy to a neutral stance over the next few years," Fischer said. REUTERS

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Beyonce closes Formation Tour with a bang

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Six months, 16 countries, 49 shows and over $200 million in revenue later, Beyonce's Formation World Tour is done. The 35-year-old megastar pulled off a star-studded finale at New Jersey's MetLife Stadium on Friday night that included a debut of "Lemonade" single "6 Inch," where the singer was suspended in air and upside down!

Tennis great Serena Williams reprised her role as video vixen on stage, complete with sexy leotard, for "Sorry." After spitting his verse on "Freedom," rapper Kendrick Lamar joined Bey in her iconic splash pool. And given that he is the inspiration for most of the content in "Lemonade," it was only right that Beyonce's hubby, rapper Jay Z, joined her for "Drunk in Love." The couple flirted and kissed to a cheering crowd. Jay Z better not mess this up.

Robert De Niro takes on Trump

In a video to encourage voters to hit the polls this November, Robert De Niro had a few choice words about presidential candidate Donald Trump. OK, it was more than a few. In under 60 seconds, the 73-year-old actor managed to insult the Donald 12 times. Here is a list of the not-so-friendly descriptors he uses to describe the Republican nominee in his #VoteYourFuture PSA.

- Blatantly stupid
- Punk
- Dog
- Pig
- Con
- Bulls— artist
- Mutt
- Idiot
- National disaster
- Embarrassment to the country
- Fool
- Bozo

But even these insults weren't as impassioned as De Niro declaring that he wants to punch Trump in the face. Following the release of the video, actor Jon Voight rushed to Trumps's defense stating that he was ashamed of the "foul" words De Niro used against the tycoon and urged Republicans to rally behind Trump. Not likely.

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Dr. Dre threatens to sue Sony

Dr. Dre clearly cares about his reputation. The music producer's legal team released a cease and desist letter to Sony pictures for Lifetime's "Surviving Compton: Dre, Suge & Michel'le," a biopic about R&B singer Michel'le and her relationship with the hip-hop mogul at the height of his music career reports TMZ.

Apparently trailers for the film depict Dre as violently abusive and his is not happy about it. In the letter Dre denies abusing Michel'le, noting that she never received medical attention or alerted police about any abuse. He is threatening to sue the company if he is portrayed as an abuser in the made-for-TV film, which airs Oct. 15.

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Rob Riggle plays the evil boyfriend of our tween hero's mom (Lauren Graham) in "Middle School: The Worst Years of My Life." CBS FILMS

Junior high is the pits

Rob Riggle talks about "Middle School: The Worst Years of My Life" and his own awful past.

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Predictably enough, Rob Riggle isn't a terribly nice guy in "Middle School: The Worst Years of My Life." In the comedy, based on James Patterson's bestseller, the comic, actor and "Daily Show" alum plays one of the plagues upon our tween hero (Griffin Gluck): the new boyfriend of his mother (Lauren Graham), who doesn't like her kids too much. It's standard issue for Riggle, 46: "I play a nice character every now and then. But the majority are pretty jerky," he says.

We talked to Riggle about his own unhappy memories of junior high, and how they're responsible for making him the funnyman he is today.

Even when you play jerks, you manage to make them funny enough that they're basically oversize children. It makes them almost endearing.
I think that's one reason [director] Steve Carr cast me. This character had to be a jerk, and it was written in such a way that if it wasn't played comedically it would have been very dark. I can do that: I can make jerks funny.

My junior high experiences were among the worst in my life. How was yours?
It was definitely the worst time. I was prepubescent. Everyone was turning into young adults. I was not. So everybody got bigger than me in junior high. I was the runt. When you're standing in a group of boys and they look around, they find the smallest guy real quick. They go, "What are you laughing at, roo?" You've got to run for your life or make up something to get them laughing.

So you had the squeaky high-pitched voice?
[Laughs] I didn't even have that. Usually, you had to go through puberty to have a cracking voice. I was the last person in my class to go through puberty. It didn't happen to me until before my sophomore year in high school. Then it came in like a storm. I came back to school and people didn't recognize me. I got my braces off, I grew four inches, I cut my hair — it was good.

Being picked on, though, must have helped your gift for comedy.
Oh yeah, it was a defense mechanism. If I kept people laughing or kept them distracted, then they didn't want to pick on me. I consider being the smallest person in junior high a blessing, in a way. Not at the time, but afterward.

Sometimes failure and embarrassment and pain can be really helpful.
The only thing that makes a muscle grow is resistance. I think most of the greatest things I've learned and the biggest moments of my life have come through some failed attempt at something. If you get tested, if you get pushed, you find your character grows. You find out who you are and adapt and overcome. By the way, I am not advocating any kind of bullying. [Laughs]

Stand-up is surely one of the greatest tests of that: You get up and die on stage for years until you find your voice.
Yes. It's the loneliest plan on earth. [Laughs] But it makes you stronger!

Then stand-up comics must be the strongest people in the world.
[Laughs] And probably the most psychologically damaged.

You don't do stand-up as much these days, right?
I haven't done it in about three years or so. I've got family demands that require my time. And I've been lucky enough to work in television and film enough that I can take some time off. Hopefully someday I'll get back to it.

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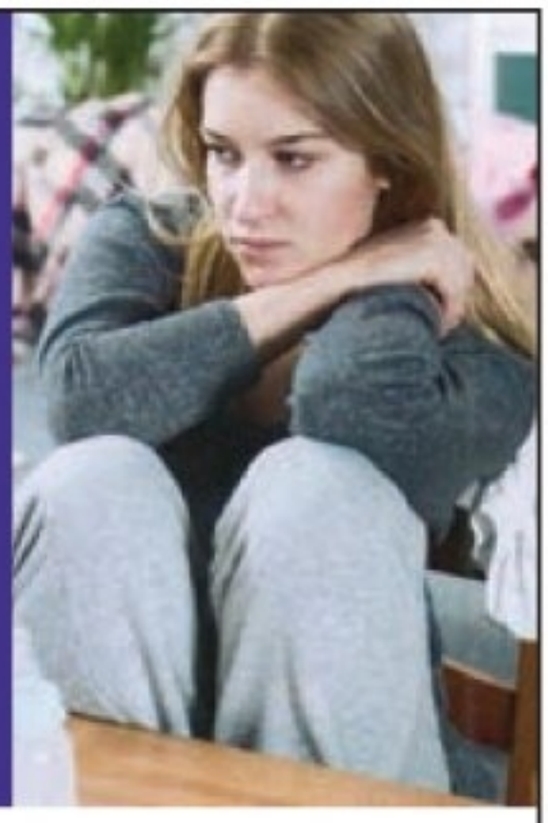

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'13TH'

Legendary activist Angela Davis is one of the many people making fiery points about race in America in Ava DuVernay's doc "13th," now streaming on Netflix. NETFLIX

New on Netflix

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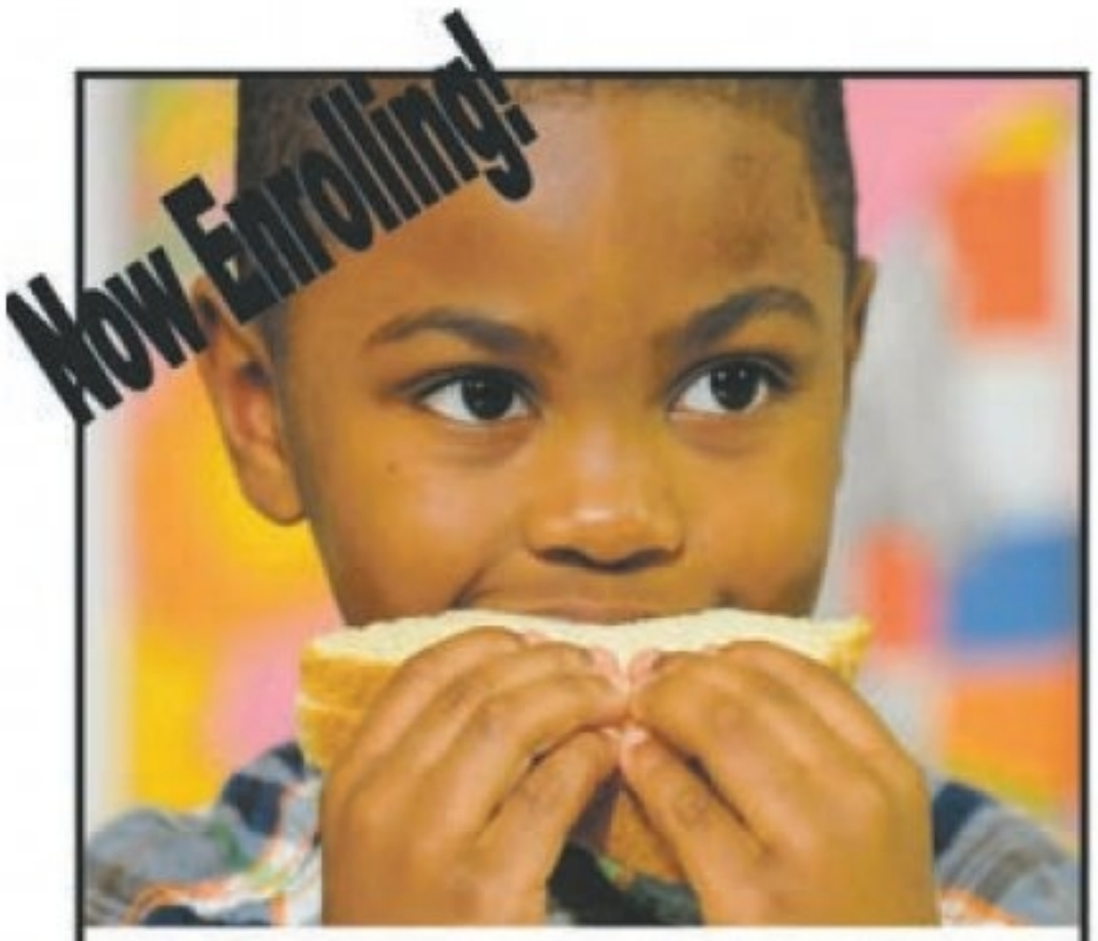
Ava DuVernay's "13th" is devastating, beautifully researched and important — but aren't those cuss words in our culture? Do such adjectives not make the doc, which is essentially about the history of racism in America, sound like eating your vegetables? But watching "13th" never feels like eating your vegetables. It has an urgency that goes beyond the timeliness of its subject. It may be a talking-heads-and-clips affair, but it's designed with such force and fire that it would leave one shaking even if we weren't facing a possible Trump presidency. It is, to steal Woodrow Wilson's description of D.W. Griffith's "The Birth of a Nation," "history written with lightning."

And how: "13th" offers a "secret" or "alternative," history of America after the Civil War right up through, essentially, a few weeks ago. It argues, cogently and shatteringly, that generations of white politicians and lawmakers have exploited a loophole in the 13th Amendment, which added that free black people could be jailed "as punishment for a crime."

And jailed they have been. DuVernay's job, as a historian and a filmmaker, is to connect the dots. She and her roster of smart, eloquent commentators trace racism as though it was a mutating virus, walking us through Jim Crow, the "Southern Strategy," the Reagan-era War on Drugs, the Clinton-era crime bill, the rise of corporate prisons — all laws designed to disproportionately target and punish black citizens. All the while a ticker counter shows the meteoric rise of the prison population, a large number of them African-American.

As she reclaims history, DuVernay is laser-focused yet comprehensive, unsparing. She doesn't even excuse Hillary, juxtaposing footage of her describing black youths as "super predators" in the '90s with Trump stirring up mob mentality over the "Central Park Five." She's not afraid to be on-the-nose, as when she cuts video of white people assaulting black protestors at Trump rallies with chillingly identical footage from the '60s. As balance, of sorts, she includes no less than Newt Gingrich saying, "No one who is white understands what it's like to be black in America." By the time she's arrived at the era of Trayvon Martin, Oscar Grant, Eric Garner and Philando Castile, it's hard to argue her point that racism never went away — it just went underground.

This is electric political filmmaking, collecting the established wisdom of her gallery of experts and tying it all together in a neat bow. That it's showing on Netflix and not theaters does not rob it of importance; no one goes to the movies to watch social-issue docs now anyway. Instead it's beamed into every home, ready to change hearts and minds with but a click. Maybe even your Fox News-loving parents will watch it. It's mandatory viewing that doesn't feel like work; it feels like a privilege — as key a piece of art as any about the black experience.



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Iliza Schlesinger talks female empowerment in 'Confirmed Kills'

The new Netflix comedy special is now streaming.

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Uproariously funny comedian Iliza Shlesinger is back on Netflix with her latest comedy special, "Confirmed Kills," covering everything from the black hole of a woman's purse to finally putting an end to our obsession with mermaids. This time around, however, the 33-year-old star is more than funny voices and side-splitting humor. Schlesinger aims to use her platform to drive meaningful conversations with her audience, too. She chatted with us from her home in Los Angeles about her career beginnings and using comedy to help women.

When did you decide you wanted to do comedy professionally?

I always knew I was going to be funny for a living. Growing up in the suburbs of Dallas, I didn't have access to comedy clubs, but I think I just got it where I could. I'd take in a lot of TV, a lot of sitcoms, a lot of sketch shows and then you find other like minded kids and you form an improv troupe. I knew I was going to be funny for a living but I didn't know what that was going to look like.

You add a lot of physicality to your comedy. What inspires it?

It's sort of baked into our brains as Americans. We know bad guys flinch over, witches have creepy teeth and bony fingers. My body naturally forms to the idea of a cartoon I have in my mind and it comes out on stage and helps get the point across. You can use words, but the physicality of it really helps to illustrate what you're doing and it just comes out naturally.

What makes "Confirmed Kills" different from your last Netflix special, "Freezing Hot?"

When I finished "Freezing Hot," I remember feeling like I didn't get out everything I wanted to say and that I was moving toward saying something more uplifting versus just making fun of girls. There was this fire that got lit in me where I was like, 'If I keep just making fun of girls and we're all laughing at ourselves, eventually I might become part of the problem.' I found myself wanting to help women by defending them and say, 'Here's why we think the way we do and here's why the world is scary to us.' But do it in a way that girls had fun and men didn't feel alienated.

You dived deeper into issues facing women on this one.

Eliza Schlesinger's newest Netflix comedy special, "Confirmed Kills," is now streaming on the network. NETFLIX

Here's what's tough. I'm a white girl from an upper middle class family and I've never been overweight so I can't stand there like, 'Life is great. Love your body. F— the haters.' That's not the reality for most, but just because I seem one way to you doesn't mean I don't have my own things that I've battled. I've been put down for having opinions. I've been called names because I'm a girl or because I'm Jewish or for whatever reason. My whole life I've just had this thing in me where I've never had a reason to listen when somebody tells me to be quiet. So I can come from the perspective of a woman who has had to withstand the slings and arrows of society.

Interesting.

I can't tell you to love your body if you hate your body, but what I can tell you is that most people only care about themselves so the amount of time we're going to waste stressing over everything most people don't even notice. And only an a— hole expects perfection.

"Confirmed Kills" is now available for streaming on Netflix. Iliza will be embarking on a national tour in promotion of it, swinging through Philadelphia at the Trocadero on Friday, Nov. 11.

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How to talk about dating on a date

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Laurie Davis Edwards is the founder of eFlirt, an online dating concierge service, and the best-selling author of "Love @ First Click: The Ultimate Guide to Online Dating."

That dreaded question doesn't have to be a dealbreaker. ISTOCK

There's nothing more awkward than a date asking, "How is online dating going for you?" Cringe. Aren't we here to create new potential – not linger on the past? Yet still, people ask.

It happens because whatever site or app you met on is one thing you definitely have in common. It's a comfort zone. And sometimes dating can feel really outside of your comfort zone.

If your date retreats to the land of accidental awkwardness, here's how to handle the question.

Tease your date. Teasing is actually a form of flirting, so use it as an opportunity to build rapport with each other. Rather than getting offended or feeling unsure of yourself, take a playful tone in your response.

You might try something like, "Why? Is this date going so well that you want to know who else I'm dating already?" Or, "Well, I met you, didn't I?" You could even address the awkwardness by responding with something like, "Well, that's a weird question for a first date. Surely we have more in common than Match/Tinder/OkCupid!"

When you're teasing, keep in mind that tone and body language matter most to make it clear that you're poking fun with your response.

Transition off the topic quickly. After teasing, re-engage by showing genuine interest in your match. Ask something you really want to know, so you shift the focus back to the connection you're creating. Ultimately, that is where online dating got the two of you!

Make sure you avoid the detour. The answer to this question has the power to derail a date. For example, reminding your date that you have other suitors can take the two of you out of the intimate space you're attempting to build. Or if you use it as an opportunity to gripe about the site or app where you met, it could force you further apart rather than closer together.

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The Ye Shi Night Market returns to Chinatown

The cultural spectacle will highlight arts, music, cuisine and community.

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The Ye Shi Night Market returns to Chinatown on Thursday, Oct. 13 at 7 p.m. The fun takes place on 10th Street between Arch and Vine streets and Race Street between Ninth and 11th streets. Last year's festival was a huge success, and there's plenty of reason to believe that this year's edition will be even bigger.

The Night Market will be host to an abundance of food vendors. Neighborhood favorites like Gigi's + Big "R" Caribbean Soul Food, Kung Fu Hoagies, Farm Truck Philly and more will provide ample sustenance for the bustling crowds. Arts and crafts will spark inspiration and laughter. Entertainment will include live performances by local singers and performers, including singer/songwriter Jason Lento, DJ Ronnie D and more. Karaoke and an action-packed karate demonstration are also on deck.

The Philadelphia Suns look to bring the Night Market to life with their extravagant Lion Dance performance. Lion dancing is "a cultural activity that all members participate in." The Suns also take pride in their contributions to the neighborhood. Their performance functions as a major fundraiser for the Asian-American community. The Suns were founded in 1972 and have been an integral part of youth development in the city. Their acts reinforce their mission: "The Philadelphia Suns organization seeks to build character in our members so that they would be positive influences in our team and community, as well as productive team players in their personal and professional lives."

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The Philadelphia Chinatown Development Corp. is host of the night, and has been since 2011. Last year, the PCDC reported over 25,000 attendees and 55 vendors. According to a report by Econsult Solutions Inc., the Night Market has generated about $11.4 million in economic impact, supporting over 100 jobs and generating $134,000 in city tax revenues. This especially bodes well for the emerging companies who are just getting their start in a rapidly growing small business market in Philadelphia.

The Ye Shi Chinatown Night Market is not only a spectacular night on the town, but it is an opportunity for exposure and growth for the community. The city's widely diverse array of culture, cuisine, arts and entertainment will be on full display.

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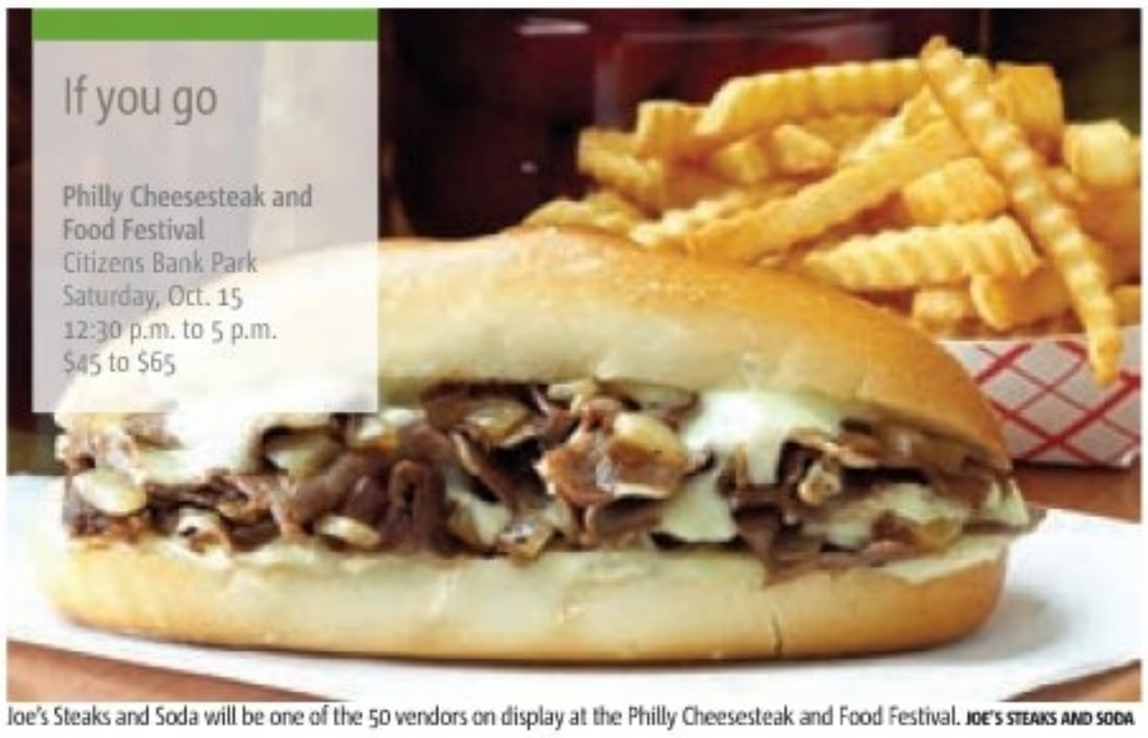

Joe's Steaks and Soda will be one of the 50 vendors on display at the Philly Cheesesteak and Food Festival. JOE'S STEAKS AND SODA

The second annual event happens on Oct. 15.

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The Philly Cheesesteak and Food Festival is an event completely devoted to the most popular Philly eats. On Saturday, Oct. 15, it returns to Citizens Bank Park, where attendees will be ready to feast.

Flaunt your Philly pride while enjoying all the city's classical favorites — pretzels, Italian hoagies, roast-pork sandwiches, water ice and, most important, cheesesteaks.

There will also be carnival games, live entertainment and a cheesesteak-eating contest.

And don't worry — there will be vegetarian options, too.

"Everyone had a great time. We knocked out great product and everyone seemed to be excited to be there," says Tony "Luke" Lucidonio Jr., CEO and co-founder of cheesesteak staple Tony Luke's of last year's event.

He continues: "The festival is a brilliant idea and is a massive undertaking. The people in charge are adding more food than just the cheesesteak this year, which is great. It opens up the festival to a lot more people."

With more than 50 vendors, this event gives you the perfect excuse to drown everything in Cheese Wiz and sample as much food as your stomach can handle.

Expect both indoor and outdoor activities at Panorama 2016 LEAH MCDONALD

What to expect at Panorama 2016

The Main Line Art Center in Haverford will be the hub for both interactive multimedia and artistic performances for the Art Center's second presentation of "Panorama: Image-Based Art in the 21st Century" on Saturday, Oct. 22.

Fire spinners and stilt walkers from 7textures will be outside wielding fire and hovering over the crowd beginning at 5:30 p.m. The festival, true to its multimedia focus, will have 2016 Digital Artist in Residence Leo Haylan's interactive multimedia performances projected on the Art Center's historical White House. Panorama's feature exhibition, "Enlightened Earth" will be on display inside. The multimedia exhibit, which will be on view through Nov. 5, analyzes nature and our complex ties to its past, present and future and features the works of Julianna Foster, Nick Pedersen and Mark Dorf.

The Art Center's black and white dark room will also feature artist Matt Giel with a presentation of his photography from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.

If you're hungry, there will also be food trucks from Chef Johnny Bravo's Surf 'N Turf and Short Mobile Cuisine. DJ The Architech will be spinning some records to complement the eye-catching displays and food.

The festival is for all ages, and all attendees have a chance to try out their creative ideas with hands-on projects like image transfers, silkscreen prints and T-shirts, and stop-animation productions. The hands-on workshops are a way to show people what they can make when combing new technology with traditional media. ZARI TARAZONA

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No wonder many people are eyeing jobs in information technology with envy: The numbers for job growth and wage comparability are alluring. According to a Bureau of Labor study in 2014, the median wage for careers in IT was $79,390 — the highest median for all jobs surveyed. The report predicted that 488,500 IT jobs would be created by 2024, translating as a 12 percent job growth, higher than any other occupation.

Problem is, if your college years weren't spent gaining a degree in information technology, database management or other IT skills, then further study might be needed. If the thought of a full-time on-campus college experience (been there, done it and worn out the T-shirt) doesn't appeal to you, many universities offer degrees in IT via online courses. For most, this means you can keep your full-time job while still paying down your first degree's loans.

Here are here just a few universities with online programs, many of which are enrolling in October. One requirement: a computer, of course.

Northeastern University

For those already on the IT path, the fast-track bachelor of science in information technology degree is a streamlined course that offers teaching in all the technical and soft skills needed in the information technology field. The program is designed for students with an associate degree in an IT field or those with equivalent credits and experience. Courses are offered in spring and fall, and a degree can be yours in just 20 months. *northeastern.edu*

Philadelphia University

The graduate certificate in information technologies focuses the necessary skills needed to use the most current tools for gathering, storing, accessing and processing information. This six-course, 18-credit graduate certificate program can be completed in a mere two semesters. PhilaU Online has a rolling admissions policy, so acceptance could be yours as soon as you apply. As with most online courses, financial aid is available. *philau.edu*

Southern New Hampshire University

This reputable Manchester, New Hampshire, university has a big online degree presence, for both undergrad and graduate programs, with focuses on the likes of IT management, database administration, cyber security and game programming & development. Like most universities offering online courses, SNHU's are offered on flex-time. *snhu.com*

Boston University

BU's online offers include a graduate certificate of information technology and a graduate certificate in advanced information technology. Topics explored include web application development based on databases and how to define, design and manage IT projects. A degree without having to put up Boston's notoriously bad drivers? Priceless. *bu.edu*

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Overcoming sexism in the workplace

Fighting the patriarchy — with style

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Don't fret. Bennett says "fighting patriarchy can be fun." ISTOCK

It all began in a living room on the Upper West Side. A group of women in their 20s and 30s would gather to vent about the challenges in their white, male-dominated workplaces.

"These meetings would turn into hourlong bitch sessions," explains award-winning journalist and author Jessica Bennett. "It was like Alcoholics Anonymous for feminism."

For Bennett, then a Newsweek reporter struggling to find her voice in an office full of men, the club became not only an open forum to share tactics but the inspiration for her latest book, "Feminist Fight Club," a survival manual for dealing with sexism in the workplace.

"Eventually it occurred to me that a lot of what we were talking about was really useful, and maybe it needed to be shared."

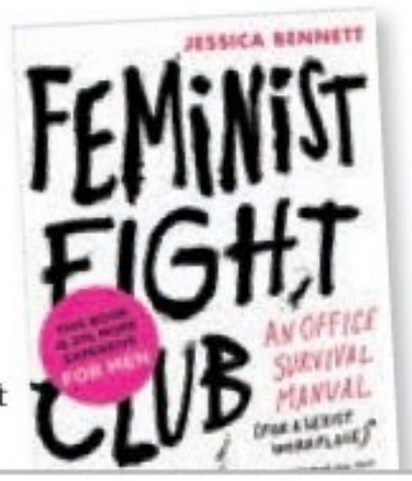
While gender issues have certainly become part of the mainstream conversation given the recent political climate, much of the discourse seems to simply highlight the issues and graze over solutions.

Bennett's goal is to change this. After digging through dense academic research, she assembled a series of battle tactics that will take down some of the most common culprits in the office.

We've highlighted some of our favorite fight moves from her book.

"Manterrupter"

Kanye's 2009 VMA moment was perhaps the most iconic example of this fairly common routine. While grabbing the mic from Taylor Swift and propelling into a boisterous monologue might seem like something only Kanye would do, studies show that men not only speak more than women in professional meetings, but they also interrupt more frequently.



The fix: Bennett likens her solution to "two cars racing toward each other" — in other words, just keep talking. "The key," she explains, "is to prevent him from getting a word in while simultaneously acting like you are the chillest person in the room."

"Bropropriator"

This bro, a pompous creature, finds the need to appropriate credit for another's work. Research shows that in situations when men and women work together, colleagues and bosses typically assume men deserve the recognition.

The fix: To avoid having the spotlight snatched from them, Bennett suggests women embrace an authoritative attitude and present their ideas with so much power that nobody can forget them. If it's too late to do that, they can always whip out the "thank 'n' yank–" a swift stunt that consists of thanking him for liking your great idea, and then quickly yanking the credit right back. "It's a sneaky yet highly effective self-crediting maneuver that still leaves you looking good," explains Bennett. "Sure, sometimes a biting 'Is there an echo in here?' may also work."

"Stenographucker"

The stenographucker assumes you're the office secretary, oftentimes asking if you'd mind taking notes or grabbing him a quick cup of joe.

The fix: But what if you just don't know how to? "The bad barista" involves simply informing your male colleague that you'd love to, if only you were capable. Thankfully, you do know somebody perfect for the job. Bennett's suggests this clever comeback: "I'm actually on the hook for a big presentation right now. But you know who's actually great at making spreadsheets? Brad over here." If that doesn't work, her other option goes right for the jugular: Try asking in a concerned tone, "Are your hands broken?"

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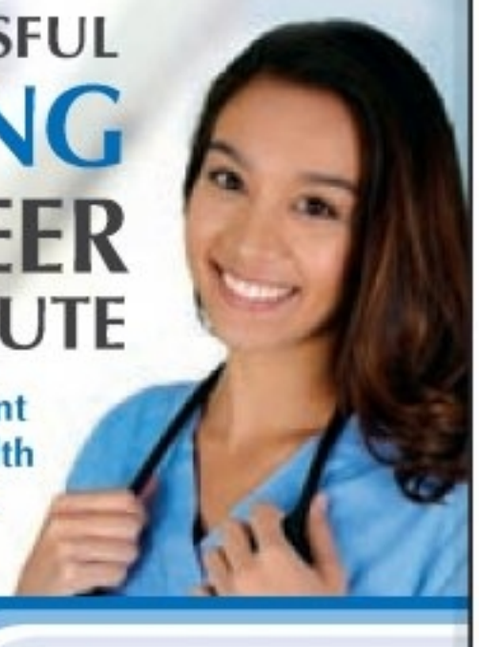

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3 Things we saw as the Eagles fell to the Lions in Detroit

The Eagles drop to 3-1 after a tight loss against an underdog Sunday.

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Five different Eagles receivers have caught touchdown passes this season, including Jordan Matthews earlier this season and Josh Huff on Sunday. GETTY IMAGES

A Ryan Mathews fourth-quarter fumble — the Eagles' first turnover of the 2016 season — led to the team's first loss of the season, 24-23 in a heartbreaker in Detroit.

The Lions jumped to a big lead and even a poised and professional Carson Wentz (25-for-33, 236 yards, two touchdowns and an interception) nearly overcame a slew of bad calls, unforced errors and bad luck.

Philly battled back from down 21-7 to lead late in the fourth quarter, 23-21, with six minutes to go.

After holding the Lions to a three-and-out, Ryan Mathews fumbled the ball as the Eagles looked to run down the clock. Detroit recovered and gave itself a very a short field after Golden Tate caught a 27-yard pass to get the Lions into the red zone. Matt Prater drilled a 29-yarder to put the Lions up.

Wentz threw his first career interception to end the game on the Eagles' ensuing comeback try.

1 Wentz more of the same

Wentz shook off the weight of his first real, big NFL deficit by leading several scoring drives to get the Eagles back into things down 14-0 after the first 15 minutes.

Wentz first engineered a drive that ended with a short pass to Ryan Mathews to chip into the Lions' lead. Then at the end of the first half, somehow the Birds fought through a few costly penalties to get a field goal, entering the locker room down 21-10.

In the third quarter, the Eagles wasted no time again marching down the field 75 yards on nine plays (the same makeup of their first touchdown drive) posting a touchdown on a pass to Josh Huff.

Later, on Detroit's first possession of the second half, the Birds forced a fumble in the red zone setting up a chip shot field goal for Caleb Sturgis, the Eagles down 21-20.

Despite Wentz' deep ball to Agholor that was picked off to end the game, the rookie had another impressive performance in Week 5.

2 Defense comes to earth

The Eagles defense was putrid to start things off, committing several lazy penalties (alongside the unwarranted ones) and surrendering three touchdown passes to Matthew Stafford.

But Philly turned it up in the third quarter, keeping the Lions out of the end zone in the second half. Philly ran away with a key takeaway on a Nigel Bradham strip sack to help keep the game tight.

The offense was unable to turn it into more than six points on two field goals, though a fourth-quarter triple did put Philly ahead 23-21.

A clutch three-and-out got the Eagles defense off the field quickly and gave Wentz and the offense the chance to run down the clock.

3 Too many mistakes

It was just one-sided. The Eagles couldn't get a break, stifling several drives with big penalties on offense and extending several Lions ones on defense. On paper (and during the game) it seemed selective — as the Eagles were flagged 14 times for 111 yards and Detroit just twice for 18. Many looked to be unfair but several were of the Eagles' own doing like a pair of delay of games calls on Wentz.

The Eagles turned it over twice in the fourth quarter, sealing their own fate with Mathews' costly fumble as the Eagles attempted to run the clock down and Wentz' interception to end the game. Both of these were avoidable and ball security as well as discipline on the field, no doubt, will be stressed in practice next week.

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The Steelers flexed their offensive muscles once again against the reeling Jets in a big Week 5 victory. GETTY IMAGES

NFL Roundup: Great quarterback play in Week 5

Tom Brady made quite an impressive return Sunday.

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A handful of one-sided affairs characterized the early games in Week 5. Here's a look around the league at some of the action you might have missed Sunday:

Washington 16
Baltimore 10
Washington (3-2) won their third in a row and handed the Ravens (3-2) their second straight defeat at home by stopping Joe Flacco (30-for-46, 210, TD) and letting Terrance West (95 yards rushing) do what damage he could on just 11 carries.

New England 33
Cleveland 13
Tom Brady (28-for-40, 406, 3 TD) announced his return to the NFL, and the Patriots (4-1) and Martellus Bennett (3 TD) were the chief beneficiaries. Cody Kessler (5-for-8, 62, TD) became the third Browns (0-5) quarterback to leave injured this season and they were forced to turn to Charlie Whitehurst (14-for-24, 182, TD INT) in relief.

Indianapolis 29
Chicago 23
Two teams that entered the game with just two wins between them combined for 918 yards of total offense as Andrew Luck (28-for-39, 322, 2 TD) and Brian Hoyer (33-for-43, 397, 2 TD) engaged in an unlikely aerial duel. Jordan Howard added 118 yards on the ground and scored on a 21-yard reception to put the Bears (1-4) ahead. But Luck and his favorite target T.Y. Hilton (10 rec, 171 yards, TD) to put the Colts (2-3) on top for good.

Tennessee 30
Miami 17
Marcus Mariota (20-for-29, 163, 3 TD) rebounded from two weeks with no touchdowns and the Titans (2-3) ran for 235 yards to roll over a Dolphins (1-4) team that was once again toothless on offense, managing just 200 total yards. Jakeem Grant had a 74-yard punt return touchdown for the Dolphins' first score.

Minnesota 31
Houston 13
The Texans (3-2) and Brock Osweiler (19-for-42, 184, TD, INT) were the latest victims of the Vikings (5-0) defense. Marcus Sherels got the Vikings special teams on board before the Texans offense with a 79-yard punt return touchdown, his second on the season. Sam Bradford (22-for-30, 271, 2 TD) had his fourth straight game without an interception.

Pittsburgh 31
New York Jets 13
Ben Roethlisberger (34-for-47, 380, 4 TD) and the Steelers (4-1) offense continued their tour of vengeance around the NFL. Sammie Coates scored two touchdowns, the first a 72-yard bomb for Pittsburgh's first score of the day. The Jets (1-4) finally kicked the turnover bug, but were no match for the Steelers. Brandon Marshall scored their only touchdown. Le'Veon Bell had over 150 total yards for the second consecutive week.

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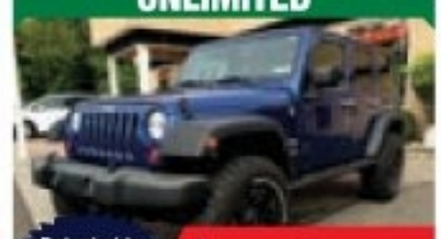
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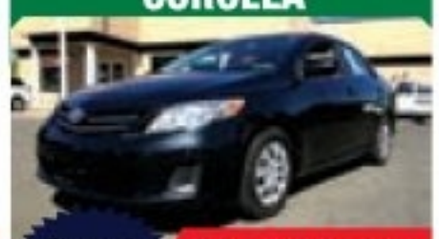
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Why we'll miss Simmons

The Sixers' No. 1 draft pick is expected to miss at least three months, if not more.

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The Sixers held a big draft party in front of the Philadelphia Museum of Art back in June, celebrating the arrival of Ben Simmons — the long anticipated No. 1 overall pick from LSU. Of course, in the tradition that sidelined Nerlens Noel and Joel Embiid for extended periods of time over the course of the recent rebuild, Philly announced that Simmons underwent successful foot surgery and will be out at least three months, thus extending the rebuild further.

His agent and many Sixers front office members are contemplating keeping him out indefinitely until next season.

Ben Simmons' foot injury is just the latest setback for the 76ers. GETTY IMAGES

If that's truly the case, here's what fans will be missing the most:

His size and durability
Simmons is 6-foot-10 and weighs in the neighborhood of 240 pounds. He could play every position on the floor, most comfortably point forward. His durability would have, and in the future will, allowed the Sixers to be creative with what personnel they put on the floor with him.

His passing
There was a brief glimpse of Simmons' game in the NBA Summer League, and he dazzled with his passes. He seemed to have eyes in the back of his head and the creativity of a Magic Johnson. One can only imagine — or patiently wait — to see how he'll perform with a better supporting cast.

The bromance
It's no secret that Simmons and big man Embiid have become BFFs off the court during the offseason, making joint appearances, chatting on Twitter and even going to the Eagles' season opener together. Seeing them play on the same floor will have to wait.

The nicknames
There had been buzzing from Simmons, Embiid and Dario Saric (the newly arrived Serbian forward) that the trio would go by TTP3 in 2016-17, or Trust the Process Three. Simmons himself says he prefers the nickname "Benny," but something more exotic is necessary — perhaps as Ben "Jammin" Simmons.

The wins
The Sixers had a much better opportunity to work their way out of the bottom of the NBA with Simmons on this year's Sixers squad. Without him, the team is hoping to simply improve on their lowly 10-win year last season.

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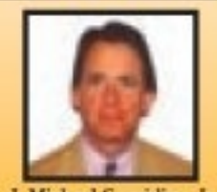

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53 – Ysidro
54 Mobster's piece
57 Jostle
58 "Not likely!" (4 wds.)
61 Lectern
62 Spoken for
63 Look searchingly
64 Beatles' "Penny –"
65 Glazier's unit
66 Part of PGA

Down
1 Totally exhausted
2 Sports "zebras"
3 Poker stake
4 PBS "Science Guy"
5 Fossilize, perhaps
6 Ideal, to pitchers (hyph.)
7 Bother
8 Ocean compound
9 Radiology job (hyph.)
10 Ireland
11 Roulette color
12 – – moment's notice
15 Hockey team
18 Lasso
23 1914 headline
24 Really liked, man!
26 Like Yul Brynner
27 Fix firmly
28 Place to see a train?
29 Weird
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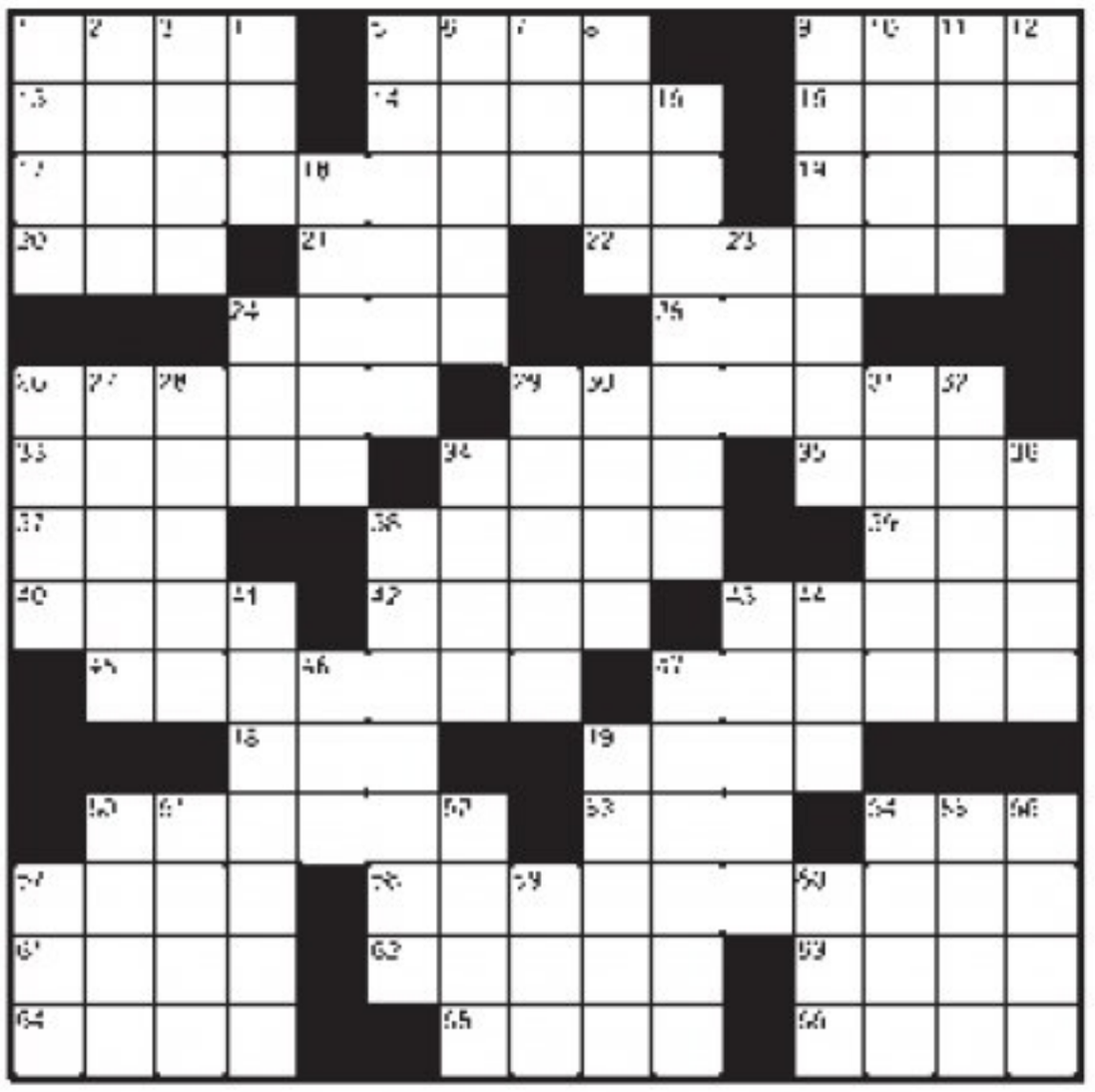

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Aries Take the initiative and do something that will get your energy flowing. Exercise and a nutritious diet will be key. Romance is encouraged.

Taurus Listen attentively and be objective, but in the end, do what you know in your heart is right for you. You will learn a lot from talking to others.

Gemini Keep your thoughts to yourself and avoid critical people. Look for ways to bring about positive change to your community or surrounding environment.

Cancer Plan to make constructive changes at home. Expanding a space to invite friends over for an entertaining afternoon will result in an interesting encounter.

Leo Focus on what's important to you. Arguing will be a waste of time. Channel your energy into helping others and furthering your own advancement.

Virgo Speak up and share your ideas. Expect to face opposition from someone who demands more of your time. Be prepared to adjust your schedule.

Libra Taking a trip or making plans with a loved one will have its challenges, but could also lead to a memorable experience. Don't be afraid to try something new.

Scorpio A proposal will come your way. Weigh the pros and cons and set your sights on initiating the groundwork. Your input will be valued.

Sagittarius Information you receive may sound amazing, but with a little research you'll be disappointed. You are best off working alone toward a goal.

Capricorn Your ideas will be well-received. Participating in causes that concern you will be emotionally draining, but also satisfying. Don't be afraid to use unusual methods.

Aquarius Make home improvements and search for your next project. Preparing a perfect space to enjoy with the people you love will bring you closer together.

Pisces Be careful how you handle others. Someone is likely to balk at your suggestions. Offer incentives if you want everyone to join your quest. EUGENIA LAST

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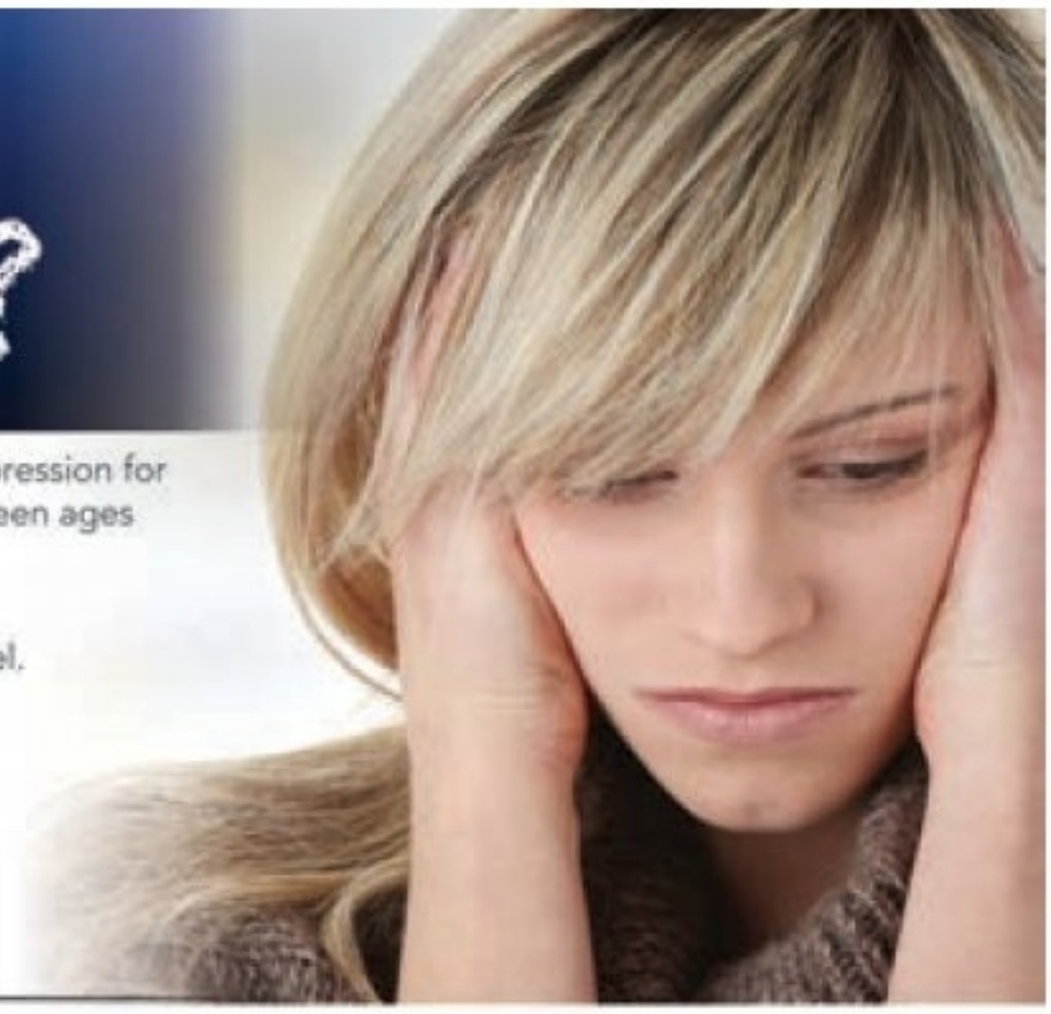

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